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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Tues. 6:00 PM, Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM, Thurs. 7:00 AM

Saturday: 7:30 AM; Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

November 29th, 2015



Today (Sunday) is the first day of Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.

It is the time when we are called to prepare for the coming of Christ, Emmanuel. John the Baptist calls us in the readings to "prepare the way of the Lord". Preparing spiritually is usually an afterthought when we have to cram so many things into the season of Advent. How about this year making the Advent Wreath your mealtime focus. Lighting the Advent Wreath at your family meal reminds us together to slow down and reflect on our need for Christ's Light.

From The Catholic Parenting Newsletter



A Memorial Mass was said Saturday, Nov 28th at 10:00 AM for Graham Fleury Blakeley in memory of his death on Sept.

10th, 2015. The flowers on the Main Altar are in honor of Graham Fleury Blakeley with love from his family.

Congratulations to Michael & Michelle (Hermesch)



Fangman who were married Saturday, November 28th, 2015 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Our prayers and best wishes are with them as they begin their married life together.



Welcome to the Christian Community:

Rose Mae Ragsdale, daughter of Michael and Kelsey (Lueger) Ragsdale. Her Godparents are

Matt Lueger and Meghan Nook. Welcome to Kennedy Lynn Carver, daughter of Joshua and Katie (Hermesch) Carver. Her Godparents are Jason Hermesch and Jaci Riddell. Both will be baptized on Sunday, Nov 29th at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church after the 11:00 AM Mass.

1st Sunday of Advent



Don't forget! The Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast is today in the SPPS Dining Hall from 7 AM to 1 PM.

Congratulations to Leonard Kohake on the celebration of his 90th birthday on Wed. Dec. 2. There is a Mass in his honor on Tuesday evening, Dec. 1st at 6 PM.

The "Sounds of Christmas" Concert is on Sunday, Dec. 6th at 2:00 PM in Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Come to see & hear all the amazing talent in our parish.



The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows:

Tues 8:00 AM School Mass for Holy Day

Tues 6:00 PM Evening Mass for Holy Day.



Poinsettias: Anyone wishing to purchase a plant for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please call the Seneca Florist at 336-6186.

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 6th

3:00 PM - Corning

7:00 PM - Kelly and Wetmore

Sunday, December 13th

3:00 PM - Marysville and Baileyville

7:00 PM - Frankfort and Axtell

Sunday, December 20th

3:00 PM - Seneca

7:00 PM - Sabetha and St. Benedict



Masses for Nov 30 to Dec 6

1st Sunday of Advent

Monday	Nov 30 – St Andrew 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 1 - 1st Tuesday in Advent 6:00 PM – Int of Leonard Kohake
Wednesday	Dec 2 – 1st Wednesday of Advent 8:00 AM – Melvin H Haverkamp & Carol Hood 9:30 AM – Crestview – Int of residents and staff of Crestview
Thursday	Dec 3 – St Francis Xavier 7:00 AM – Irene Hoskins (Anniv)
Friday	Dec 4 – St John Damascene 8:00 AM – Spiritual Society Members
Saturday	Dec 5 – 1st Saturday of Advent 7:30 AM – Joyce Meyer (Anniv) 4:00 PM – Martha Heinen (Anniv)
Sunday	Dec 6 – Second Sunday of Advent 7:00 AM – Lucille (Mrs Don) Winkler 9:00 AM – L/D Lawrence & Delores Boeckman Family 11:00 AM – For our Parish



Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM - Zach Kramer & Peter Ganstrom**
 Wed 8 AM & Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

<u>Sat 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sun 7:00 AM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Carter Lutz	Corley Becker	Wyatt Rusche	Landen Baker
Marley Lutz	Myiah Schmelzle	Charlie Bontrager	Ea Schmelzle
Allison Schmelzle	Jessica Deters	Amelia Olberding	Gavin Duryea
Miles Stueve	Roland Voracek	Hunter Steinlage	Taegan Duryea

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday Dec 5th & Dec 6th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Megan Olberding *Jeanne Kramer	Lori Carlson Keith Haverkamp	Claire Deters Patty Haverkamp	Alison Hermesch	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Dean Becker *Steve Bennett	Randy Heinen Tyler Heinen	Sheryl Heinen Leon Feldkamp		
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Ashley Carlson *Nikki Honeyman	Janet Diehl Susan Stallbaumer	Taylor Rusche Hannah Stallbaumer	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Shannon Holthaus *Keegan Schmelzle	Cara Baker Carrie Young	Rhonda Sperflage Aaron Duryea	Alan Lierz	Deb Rethman

ROSARY LEADERS: 4:00 PM Joe Kohake 9:00 AM Dennis Henry



The 19th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil for Compassionate Friends will be held on Sunday, Dec 13th. Everyone is invited to light a candle in their home from 7-8 PM in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten! Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss in your prayers and honor their children that evening by lighting a candle in their memory. The Seneca Chamber of Compassionate Friends is planning their own Candle Lighting that evening at the home of Brett & Lisa Ohlsen, 503 N. 19th St, Seneca. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them. If planning to attend or for more information, call 785-336-3691.

Choir Practices:

Childrens & High School practice - Thursday Dec. 3. in the Church: Childrens at 6:30, High School at 7:00PM.
Adult Choir: Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM until Christmas.



Christmas Families - The students and staff of Sts Peter and Paul School are adopting area families for Christmas this year. If you know of a family that could benefit, please submit names to the school office or call 336-2727 by December 2nd.

Memory Tree - The SPPS PTO will again sponsor the



Memory Tree in our Church this Christmas Season. Remember your deceased loved ones by enclosing a list of names and a free will

donation in a separate envelope marked Memory Tree and place in the Sunday offering. All money donated will be given to the school to purchase necessary items. Call Michelle Thomas at 336-0228 with any questions.

Nemaha County Christmas Bureau is collecting new toys, hats, gloves, socks, blankets, towels, toiletry items & financial donations for Nemaha County families unable to provide for themselves without outside help. Donations may be brought to the Seneca Methodist Church from now to Fri Dec. 4, or call 336-3632.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Sun Nov 29 - Beginning of Advent
Sun Nov 29 - K of C Breakfast, Parish Hall 7-1
Sun Dec 6 - Parish Christmas Concert 2:00 PM
Tues Dec 8 - Holy Day - Feast of Immaculate Conception
Wed Dec 16 - "Posadas Navidenas" begins

SCHOOL NEWS:

Nov 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break
Sun Nov 29 - Advent Begins
Mon Dec 7 - No bus service.

CCD NEWS:

Wed. Dec 2nd at 6:45 is the next regular CCD Class. Monitors are Marc & Linda Hunzeker & Bryan & Betty Peterson



Come and Celebrate "Posadas Navidenas"

The Cobian-Rivera family of our parish wants to celebrate a 500+ year old Mexican tradition with prayer, Christmas carols, and more. The tradition of *Las Posadas* starts

on Dec 16 and goes to Christmas eve. *Las Posadas* literally means "the inns". The festival is based around a reenactment of Joseph & Mary trying to find lodging at numerous inns in Bethlehem and being turned away. The procession goes from house to house (i.e. "inn" to "inn") with adults in Nativity costumes and children following them with candles. They will stop at a volunteer home in Seneca each night and sing a special song and pray the rosary. More to come in future Bulletins.



Please keep in your prayers the following couples to be married: Tyler Glatczak & Chelsea Henry (1-2), Andrew Dunsing & Emily Stallbaumer (1-9).

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 11-16-15 to 11-22-15. Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$ 1,631.00
	Envelope	\$ 5,533.00
	ACH/EHT	\$ 11,668.00
School	School support	\$ 4,326.25
	ACH/EFT	\$ 305.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 145.00
All Saints		\$ 15.00
Immac. Concep		\$ 50.00
Christmas		\$ 60.00
Sol. of Mary		\$ 50.00
St. Jos dues		\$ 2.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$ 23,785.25

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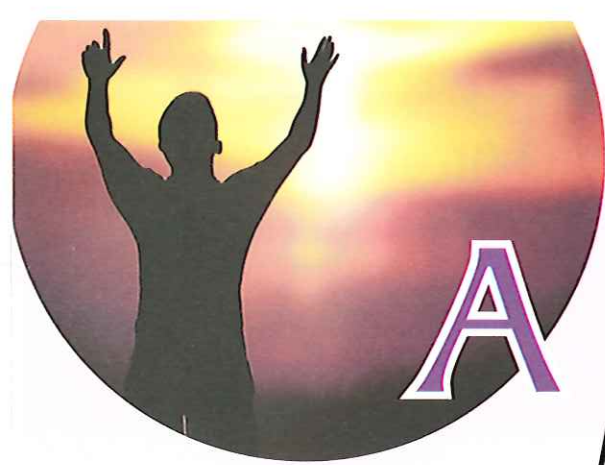
Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, on a Benedictine Monasteries of Italy trip. This trip will take place during the Great Jubilee Year of Mercy. Where: Rome, Monte Cassino, Subiaco, Norcia, Assisi, Orvieto, Florence & Milan. Trip Dates: May 16-25, 2016. Cost: \$3,799.00 airfare and all included. To register call 855-842-8801 or 508-340-9370.

AREA EVENTS:

**** K of C Pancake Breakfast** will be on Sun, Nov. 29th at the SPPS Parish Hall, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

****Sts. Peter & Paul musicians will perform their Christmas Concert** on Sunday, Dec. 6th at 2 PM in the Church. There will be individual performances plus an adult choir, youth choir, High School choir and the K of C choir. Our parish has some amazing talent so come and enjoy the "Sounds of Christmas".

****St James, Wetmore, Consignment Auction** to be held on Dec 6th. Still taking consignments. Call 785-547-5082 or 785-207-0434.



A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The First
Sunday

The Kingdom of God Is Near

Luke 21:25-36

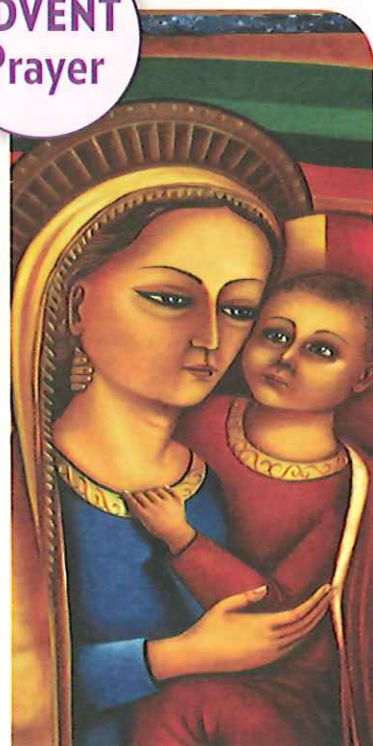
What if you made this Advent season radically different?

This is a very busy time of year. There's shopping, baking, social commitments at work and with family and friends, decorating, special events to attend...but as Jesus reminds us in this week's Gospel, the Son of Man is coming. And there's no date set in stone and no Google Calendar reminder to announce the Second Coming. We have to live like we're ready, all of the time. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with...the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly" (v. 34).

Running from commitment to obligation doesn't leave much room for joy and praise, peace and prayer. So this Advent, start your planning with a blank slate. Will Christmas still come even if you don't exchange presents with your siblings? Who says you have to have a tree? What are your Advent essentials?

Then, with great deliberation, write in only those activities and traditions that are most precious — the things that make your heart feel full of love for God and for your neighbor. Do only these, and do them with joy. During Advent, live as if you were going to meet Jesus each and every day.

ADVENT
Prayer



**"For you I wait
all day long"**

— Psalm 25:5

*Dear Lord, please flood
me with your peace
so that when I'm
surrounded
by the busyness of the
Christmas season,
I can remain ready to
meet you.
Amen*

INSPIRATION FOR THE SEASON



Saint Nicholas – December 6

The real Saint Nicholas was a bishop in the first part of the fourth century in what is today Turkey. He was known to be kind and generous to people in need: legend has it that he tossed a bag of gold coins into the window of a poor merchant's home one night so that the merchant's eldest daughter would have a dowry and could marry. He did the same the next year for the middle daughter, and again the following year for the third daughter. Many families today celebrate Saint Nicholas' feast day on December 6. Children set out shoes the night before, hoping to find them filled with coins (or gold-foil-wrapped chocolate coins).

Catechism CONNECTION

"Though already present in the Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled 'with power and great glory' by the king's return to earth."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 671



Daily LIVING

"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: *Ecce veniet!* — He is about to arrive!"

— Saint Josemaría Escrivá

FAMILY FOCUS

Shine a Light for Christ

Traditionally, Advent begins on the first of the four Sundays before Christmas, with the lighting of a purple candle set in a wreath, accompanied by prayers and, sometimes, song. On the Second Sunday of Advent, two purple candles are lighted. On the Third Sunday of Advent, two purple candles and a pink candle are lighted. And on the fourth Sunday, all four candles burn.

Make time each day during Advent to light the candle(s) for that week. Pause to meditate on and pray about the day ahead or behind you. As you watch the flame leap and dance, consider whether you live as a light in the world, shining Jesus' bright and steady love through the clutter and consumerism.

ADVENT Wreath Prayer

Say this prayer every time you light your Advent wreath throughout the season.

*Come, Lord Jesus!
Fill us with your love.*



FOR REFLECTION:

If Jesus were coming today, would he look at our actions and say, "Well done"? What have we done for the least of our brothers and sisters, and thus for him?



Advent & Christmas Schedule

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 pm: Corning

Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 pm: Kelly & Wetmore

Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 pm: Baileyville & Marysville

Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 pm: Axtell & Frankfort

Sunday, December 20th at 3:00 pm: Seneca

Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 pm: St Benedict & Sabetha

(Regular weekly confessions will remain the same, Saturday at 2:30 - 3:30. Please call Fr. Arul for any private appointments for confessions)

Concerts

SPPC Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec 6th at 2 PM in our Church.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 pm Mass Fr. Arul & K of C choir

Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 pm Mass Fr. Bob & Childrens choir

Thursday, December 24th at 10:00 pm Mass Fr. Arul & Adult choir

Friday, December 25th at 7:00 am Mass Fr. Bob & Cantor

Friday, December 25th at 9:00 am Mass Fr. Arul & Cantor

Solemnity, Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God & New Year

Thursday, December 31st at 4:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 1st 2016 at 8 AM & 10 AM Mass



Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me Your mercy as we begin the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)"

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.





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DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE NOMINATION FORM

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration January 31 - February 5, 2016, Sts. Peter and Paul School would like to honor an **elementary or high school graduate**. If you would like to nominate someone, please return a completed nomination form to the Sts. Peter and Paul School office by December 19, 2015.

The requirements are: He/she must be a Sts. Peter and Paul graduate.
(Grade School or High School Graduate)
He/she must have graduated at least 15 years ago.
He/she must have made a significant contribution
to the Catholic Church and their community.

Name and address of the person you would like to nominate:

Year graduated: _____

Please list at least 3 achievements of the person that reflects the characteristics of Catholic school education.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments:

Your name and phone number: _____



Mass Intentions for First Friday, December 4th, 2015

Sts. Peter & Paul Spiritual Society



Adams, Jason
Allen, Vaden
Bennett, Bob & Lou
Bennett, Eugene
Berkley, Dr. Norman
Block, Francis & Marcella
Boden, Nick
Boeckman, Lawrence
Boeding, Herman & Anna
Boeding, Norbert & RoseZella
Broderick, Gerald & Rita
Buessing, Elmer **
Buessing, Joe & Margaret
Buessing, Vince & Tillie
Callaghan, Everett
Carasala, Balaswamy
Carlson, Megan
Cronin, Linda (Olberding)
Cross, Raymond & Thelma
D alinghaus, Helene
Dalsing, Mary
Deters, Ferdinand & Rose
Deters, Sally **
Ehram, Charles
Ehram, Willis "Willie"
Eisenbarth, Daniel "Izzy"
Engelken, John R
Engelken, Leander
Feldkamp, Annette
Feldkamp, Ben & Katherine
Feldkamp, Kevin
Feldkamp, Leander & Esther
Feldkamp, Lloyd
Glissman, Julie
Gress, Charlie
Grollmes, Louis
Grothjan, Dorothy
Grothjan, Ernestine
Gudenkauf, Anthony H. & Celesta
Gudenkauf, Ray & Florence
Harland, Francis & Rosemary
Haug, Omer & Lucille
Haug, Ronald "George"
Haug, Urban
Haverkamp, Bob
Haverkamp, George & Evelyn
Haverkamp, Lillis
Haverkamp, Melvin H.
Heideman, Raymond

Heiman, Norbert & Theresa
Heiman, Regis
Heinen, Albert & Rita
Heinen, Clem & Agatha
Heinen, Jeanette
Heinen, Lawrence
Heinen, Raymond & Aurelia
Heintzelman, Charles
Heintzelman, Jim & Pat
Heintzelman, John & Frances
Hermesch, Ben
Hermesch, Fred
Hermesch, Galen
Hermesch, Jerry
Hermesch, Raymond
Hermesch, William & Helen
Holthaus, Adolph & Esther
Holthaus, Beryl Ann
Holthaus, Carl & Rosemary
Holthaus, Clifford
Holthaus, Ed & Agnes
Holthaus, Geraldine
Holthaus, Mary Ann
Holthaus, Rita (Mrs. George)
Honeyman, Bob **
Hood, Carol
Hulsing, Donna
Hulsing, Tony & Florence
Huninghake, Barb
Huninghake, Ray
Hunninghake, Lester
Hutfles, Clarence
Jeanneret, Wilbur
Koelzer, Allie & Irene
Koelzer, Elmer
Koelzer, Jean
Koelzer, Melvin
Kohake, Albert
Kohake, Andrew
Kohake, Dan & Mary
Kohake, Doris Grace
Kohake, Grace M
Kohake, Joe & Margaret
Kohake, Timothy
Kohake, Vincent & Eleanor
Kokenge, Francis
Kokenge, John & Annie
Kokenge, John W
Kokenge, Shirley

Korte, Ray & Theresa
Korte, Ty
Kramer, Daniel L.
Kramer, Don F.
Kramer, Eugene H.
Kramer, Wilbur
Kuckelman, Frank & Josephine
Kuckelman, Thomas G.
Kuckelman, William Bill
Lackey, David
Lackey, Galen
Lackey, Hubert
Lang, Paul
Lauer, Chris
Lauer, Cyril & Geneva
Lauer, Dave
Lehmkuhl, Kenny & Tiny
Lierz, Matt & Mary
Love, Joe & Edna "Eddy"
Luckeroth, Amber
Luckeroth, Donald
Luckeroth, Donna
Luckeroth, Jim
Luckeroth, Josiah "Joe"
Luckeroth, Norm
Lueb, Jan
Lueger, Alvin & Leona
Lueger, Stephen
Macke, Henry
McGinty, Jim
McGinty, Trish
Mission Center - Deceased
Workers
Mohlman, Joseph & Charlene
Mueting, John & Clara
Mueting, Leo & Marie
Niehues, Herbert & Regina
Niehues, Loretta
Nickamp, Cecilia
Nolte, Jason
Nordhus, Jane
Nordhus, Sylvester "Pat"
Nordhus, Tim
Olberding, Jackie
Olberding, Lawrence & Martha
Olberding, Leo & Dollie
Olberding, Raymond F.
Olberding, Ryan
Olberding, Victor



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Osterhaus, Bobbi (Leon)
Osterhaus, Leonard
Osterhaus, Paul & Erma
Osterhaus, Steven
Peterson, Dorothy
Pultz, Paul
Quinlan, Wilfred & Norma **
Renyer, Joe & Cecelia
Rethman, Norman
Robke, Erma
Roeder, Dorothy
Roeder, Melvin & Angela
Ronnebaum, Albert & Ann
Ronnebaum, Eleanor
Ronnebaum, Joe & Emma
Ronnebaum, Melvin "Butch"
Ronnebaum, Werner & Lorena
Rottinghaus, Frank & Emma
Rottinghaus, Frank & Marie
Runnebaum, Henry & Alma
Sack, John & Edna
Schiffbauer, Ralph
Schmelzle, Eugene "Gene"
Schmelzle, Geri
Schmelzle, Gilbert
Schmelzle, Mary
Schmidt, Jim
Schmidt, Lawrence & Adrianna
Schmidt, Thomas
Schmits, Alvin "Butch"
Schmitz, Elaine
Schulte, Jerry & Rita
Schurman, Ethel
Schurman, John & Anna
Schurman, Lawrence & Nora
Scragg, Barrett
Sedlacek, Bernadine
Siess, Jeremy
Skoch, Sylvester
Sperflage, Don
Stallbaumer, Cyril & Frances
Stallbaumer, Gene & Aurelia
Stallbaumer, Gilbert & Teresa
Stallbaumer, Helen
Stallbaumer, Marcena
Stallbaumer, Norbert & Marie
Strathman, Keith
Strathman, Sylvester & Vivina
Studer, Ralph & Margaret

Suther, Elmer
Tangeman, Julius & Bertha
Tanking, Regis & Lucille
Taylor, Kenneth "Butch"
Teeter, Charles
Tomlinson, Helen (Lang)
Weber, Elizabeth
Wempe, Christopher
Wende, Ray & Rita
Wessel, Frank
White, Mary Jo
Wichman, Charles & Grace
Wiers, Vern
Wilhelm, Steve
Winkler, Don & Lucille **
Winkler, Linus & Lucille

Just a Note:

***Those members due to be renewed
THIS coming month (December) are
signified by ** behind their name.
Please renew at the Parish Office. Or
send to 411 Pioneer, Seneca, KS 66538.*

*The cost of renewal is \$50.00 per
person.*

Benefits:

*Spiritual Society Members have a Mass
said for them every First Friday of each
month. The Rosary is also said for all
Members before daily Mass from
Monday through Saturday each week*

*We apologize if anyone has been
inadvertently missed. If so, please call
the parish office. (336-2128)*



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